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AMERICAN STATE REPORTS, VOL. 99. The American State Reports, containing the cases of general value and authority subsequent to those contained in the "American Decisions" and the "American Reports," decided in the courts of last resort of the several states. Selected, reported, and annotated by A. C. Freeman. Bancroft-Whitney Company, San Francisco. 1904.

This volume reports and annotates the recent Virginia cases of *Hudson v. Barham*; *Fallsburg Power and Manufacturing Company v. Alexander*; *Leftwich v. Wells*; *Council of Farmville v. Walker*; *City of Richmond v. Sutterding*; *Johnson v. Colley*; *City of Norfolk v. Flynn*; *Union Assurance Society v. Nalls*; *Robinett v. Mitchell*, all reported in 101 Virginia. Appended to the case of *Johnson v. Colley*, *supra*, is a very elaborate note on gifts *causa mortis*.

THE MAN WHO PLEASES AND THE WOMAN WHO CHARMS. By John A. Cone. Hinds & Noble, Publishers: New York.

We do not know why a book of this nature should be sent to a law journal for review unless it be a realization of the fact that a successful lawyer must be "a man who pleases." As for "the woman who charms," no set of men on God's foot-stool has seen as many as the members of the Virginia Bar.

The author tells in the best English and the most interesting style how to please and charm. His chapters on art and tact in conversation and optimism are the best.

The main purpose of the book is to teach that the art of pleasing consists in making others happy, or as some one has said, "Look out lovingly upon the world and the world will look lovingly in upon you."

HOW TO ATTRACT AND HOLD AN AUDIENCE. A popular treatise on the nature, preparation and delivery of public discourse. By J. Berg. Esenwein, A. M., Lit. D., Prof. of English Language and Literature in Pennsylvania Military College. Hinds, Noble & Eldridge, Publishers: New York.

The average lawyer pays little attention to the art of public speech. The impression is that no general rules of successful speech-making can be laid down, but that the problem is wholly an individual one. While this is partly true, it is equally true that those of wide experience in public speech, and especially those who have been close observers of the methods and manner of those who have attained distinction in that direction, can and have formulated certain principles which will be valuable to any one who will study them. The author of this work has evidently been a close observer, and the result of his study as embodied in this book will undoubtedly prove of value not only to the man who wishes "to attract and hold an audience," but to the lawyer who wishes to attract and convince a jury.

FORTY YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE. Being some history of the war between the Confederacy and the Union, and of the leading events leading up to it, with reminiscences of the struggle and accounts of the author's experience of four years from private to lieutenant-colonel, and acting colonel in the cavalry of the Army of Northern Virginia. Also much of the History of Virginia and the Nation in which the author took part for many years in political conventions and on the hustings, and as a lawyer, member of the Legislature of Virginia, Judge, member of the House of Representatives of the United States and Governor of Virginia. By Charles T. O'Ferrall. The Neale Publishing Company. New York and Washington: 1904. (See Editorial.)

FOUR YEARS UNDER MARSE ROBERT. By Robert Stiles, Major of Artillery in the Army of Northern Virginia. Second Edition. The Neale Publishing Company. New York and Washington: 1903. (See Editorial.)